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Enclosed also please find a copy of the International Search Report citing eight of these references. The relevance of these eight references can be seen from the International Search Report. The English abstracts for the Japanese Patent Application Publications are also enclosed.

Please note that two of the enclosed Japanese Patent Application Publications and the 2 technical literature publications are discussed on pages 3-4 of the specification.

Please also note that enclosed are copies of U.S. Patent No. 6,493,787, U.S. Patent Application Publication Nos. 2003-0109179, 2003-0137887 and 2004-0123059 which are the English language counterparts for Japanese Patent Application Publication Nos. 2000-259783, 2001-306182, 2003-288564 and 2004-86503, respectively.

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